

Foreword

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has developed a product that will help manage information in such a way that it can be shared throughout the organization. The Corps recognizes the importance of information as a growing resource. The use of technology to collect, store, and disseminate information is increasing. Thus, the importance of managing information is paramount.

Historically, there have been many systems in place for logically organizing and controlling information and data. For instance, libraries use systems to catalog and track books, periodicals, videos, and other information. As a result of our Command resolve to treat data as a corporate resource in the same manner that we do our personnel, materiel, etc., the Corps has developed a system to store and locate data using computer technology and manual systems. This system is the Corps of Engineers Data Encyclopedia developed by HQUSACE CEIM-PD.

At the center of the Encyclopedia is the Command Data Dictionary (CDD). The Command Data Dictionary is a special kind of database which acts as a repository of information about data we use to manage our programs and projects.



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